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NEA PASS WORLD ARIWAYS BRYAN COOKE
LONDON PASS WORLD V.P. HUGHES

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: WORLD AIRWAYS

REF: STATE 040497

1. INFORMED JAGHMAN AND ASNAJ OF YOUR REFTEL AND INDICATED I CONFUSED AND VERY DISTURBED BY APPARENT CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN WHAT SHAI'F REPORTED TO HAVE SAID AND WHAT I HAVE BEEN TOLD HERE.

2. BOTH JAGHMAN AND ASNAG CONFUSED AND DISTURBED ALSO. ASNAG, AFTER SOME PHONE CALLS, DETERMINED AT FAULT WAS YEMENI AIRWAYS CORPORATION VICE PRESIDENT FAHMI HAMDANI. ASNAG THEREFORE SUSPENDED HIM FROM HIS JOB.

3. ASNAG SAID BRITANNIA HAVE TRIED TO "PULL A FAST ONE" AND ASNAG HAD "BLOCKED" THEM FROM FURTHER EFFORTS TO GET A CONTRACT. ASNAG ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO WORLD IN STRINGEST TERMS HIS DESIRE FOR TEAM TO VISIT SANA ASAP TO "FINALIZE" CONTRACT.

4. ASNAG SAID HE STILL EXPECTED WORLD TO LIVE UP TO ITS "OFFER TO MODERATE RATES SLIGHTLY" BUT HAS MADE IT CLEAR HE WAS EMPHASIZING WORD "SLIGHTLY." ASNAG SAID THIS MEANT SOMETHING BETWEEN "ONE AND TEN PER CENT."

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5 COMMENT: BELIEVE WORLD TEAM SHOULD VISIT SANA

ASAP. ASNAG, SO FAR AS I CAN SEE, IS SEEKING ONLY
NOMINAL AND SYMBOLIC DECREASE IN RATE.
RANSOM

NOTE BY OC/T: REFTTEL INCORRECT.

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